

Joy Lutheran Church

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Abide in my love
JOHN 15:9



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to worship at Joy Lutheran Church

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, divorced, married, widowed, and all families in their variety of rich expressions.

We are glad you are here if you come every Sunday or if this is your first time at our church or any church at all. You're welcome if you know the Bible backwards and forwards, or have never really read it, if you know Jesus or are just curious to hear what He is all about.

We welcome you if you have doubts about "organized religion" or are a "cradle Christian." We welcome liberals, conservatives, moderates, and undecided. If you cheer for the right team, or don't like sports, you are welcome here.

We especially welcome those who could use a prayer right now, or an assurance that God loves them, those who are struggling, and those who are doing okay.

Whoever you are, whatever your past or present – God welcomes you and so do we!

Children are always welcome here. We are used to the joyful sounds of our youngest sisters and brothers. We do have some activity bags near the main entrance, to keep restless hands busy.

Offering: Our offering plates are set at the entrance doors of the sanctuary. Thank you for giving of your resources to sustain the ministries here at Joy Lutheran Church.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 9, 2021 - 9:30 a.m. - Now the Feast

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Welcome

Apostolic Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. O God,

C: **you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove,
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise,
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way,
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow - ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day,
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee,
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**²O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**⁴Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Verse (*sung as we stand to hear Jesus' words*)

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Sermon

Pastor Karen Sonray

Prayers of the Church (*brief silence, then various petitions*)

(*response said after each petition*)

P: For Christ is risen,

C: Christ is risen indeed

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

(please exchange Christ's peace with a smile, nod, wave, or other non-contact sign)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider: Congregation:

Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might: Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est. ho - san - na in the high - est!

Words of Institution

L: On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

Holy Communion

We celebrate God's grace and acceptance in the Meal of Holy Communion. You are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. We believe that Jesus is truly present with us at this Meal, and his invitation to hear his promise of forgiveness and love is for everyone.



Ushers will direct you in a staggered manner to allow 6 foot spacing. Please take your pre-filled cup (gluten-free is marked). Return to your seat and partake in the communion.

Communion Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

Refrain

Sheet music for the hymn 'Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love'. The music is in common time, treble clef, and includes lyrics for the refrain and four stanzas. The refrain lyrics are: 'Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.' The stanza lyrics are: 1. 'Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,' 2. 'Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,' 3. 'These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; 4. 'Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:' The music concludes with a final refrain.

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Refrain

Post Communion Blessing/Benediction

Sending Hymn*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

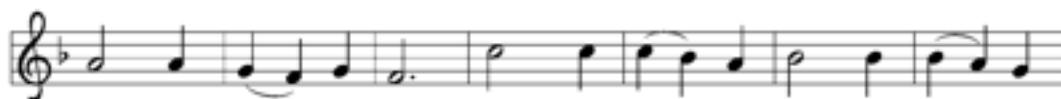
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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!Postlude**Worship Assistants for Today**

Pianists:	Readers:	Acolyte:	Ushers:
Nancy Wojnowski	Corrine F. & Blake P.	Blake P.	Nancy D. &




Flowers are given
by Ruth Olson

Preview Of Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 9	9:30 AM 10:15 AM 6:00 PM	Worship Sunday School & Confirmation Boy Scout Troop 219
Monday, May 10	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Eaglewood HOA Annual Meeting - <i>Brause Fellowship Hall</i> Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday, May 11	3:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	The Singers Group - <i>Brause Fellowship Hall</i> Alcoholics Anonymous Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 12	6:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday, May 13	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Strawn Student Music Recital - <i>Sanctuary</i> Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday, May 14	- All Day - - All Day - 6:30 PM	Church Office Closed on Fridays In-stitches Quilt Group - <i>Upper Narthex</i> Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday, May 15	- All Day -	In-stitches Quilt Group - <i>Upper Narthex</i>
<i>The Following Week:</i>		
Sunday, May 16	9:30 AM 10:15 AM 6:00 PM	Worship Sunday School & Confirmation Boy Scouts Troop 219
Monday, May 17	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Joy of Reading Book Club - <i>Brause Fellowship Hall</i> Narcotics Anonymous

Church Office Hours

Monday	9:30am - 4:00pm
Tues. - Wed.	10:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday	10:00am - 4:00pm
Closed Friday	

The next Church
Council Meeting will
be Tuesday, May 11
at 7:00pm.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS	
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